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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Medical Services

SUBJECT : Review of Current Status, Information and
Data on Drug Abuse in the Agency

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1. The following is an outline of the summary findings and recommendations of meetings attended by [REDACTED] and myself. As you will note the outline has four major topics. Attached to the report are copies of data accumulated by the Office of Security and which data had previously been made available to you by the Director of Security. 25X1A

2. The following four topics are considered important.

a. Dimension of the problem

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(1) Dependents - as best as can be determined, approximately twenty dependents have been returned from overseas because of drug problems in the past three years. This includes those early-on from [REDACTED]

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and the latest group from [REDACTED]. This is a low figure statistically, but it is impossible for us to measure the impact on a given station when the whole family returns short of tour leaving a gap in station personnel.

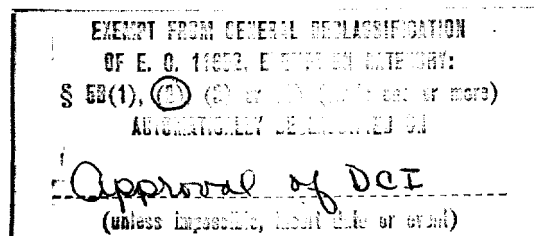
Dependents who have not been approved for residence abroad because of drug problems have been relatively low also, but nonetheless troublesome management cases. In that category can be listed [REDACTED]

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There are no accurate figures as to numbers of employees who may have taken advantage of consultation in OMS on a self-referral basis.



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(2) Staff employees - there is only one case known to OMS of a staff employee with a drug problem. This was a DDI employee who was placed on probation and soon thereafter resigned.

(3) Applicants - Office of Security has useful data in this regard as presented in the two attachments.

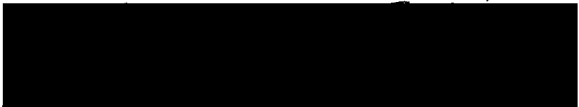
b. Advice OMS has to give on drug abuse - it goes without saying that OMS is against drug abuse and is prepared to assist, as it has been doing, within our capabilities. The Director has made strong and sufficient statements about his attitude on this topic.

The OMS group would express a word of caution in terms of the amount of energy and time devoted to this subject. This is not meant to give any indication of lack of concern or interest, but more as an effort to note that there are other topics of equal or greater importance.

c. Continuing education - the OMS group believes that education efforts should continue and recommends that OMS continue to play a definitive role in any such efforts.

d. Review current Agency Policy - it is recommended that current Agency Policy as it applies to applicants for employment be reviewed at this time. It is the group's impression that the standards for drug abuse in applicants, especially in marijuana experimentation may have eroded. There have been some applicant cases brought to the ARP which, based on current understanding, should have been withdrawn from processing.

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Deputy Director of Medical Services

Attachments

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